

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claim replaces all prior claim versions and listings for this application:

1 to 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A flexible plastic-paper-plastic laminate sheeting capable of being converted by conventional equipment into envelopes, bags and other dilatable container products normally made of paper which initially are in a flat state, said laminate sheeting comprising:

a printable paper sheet having inside and outside surfaces;

a first reinforcing film of synthetic oriented plastic material having an inner surface treated to increase the surface energy of the film and its affinity to adhesives and being cold-laminated by a water-based adhesive to the inside surface of the paper sheet; and

a second reinforcing film of synthetic oriented plastic material having an inner surface treated to increase the surface energy of the film and its affinity to adhesives and being cold-laminated by a water-based adhesive to the outside surface of the paper sheet;

whereby a dilatable container product made from the laminate sheeting has moisture resistance and enhanced tear and burst strength compared to the tear and burst strength of dilatable containers made from [[form]] plastic coated cellulosic papers that are not laminated.

13. (original) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 12, wherein each film is biaxially oriented.

14. (original) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 12, wherein said water-based adhesive is an acrylic polymer or a polyacrylate copolymer.

15. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 12, wherein each film comprises polyester, polypropylene or polyethylene.

16. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 12, wherein the paper sheet comprises Kraft paper or a white or colored paper.

17. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 12, wherein an outer surface of one of the plastic films is surface treated to increase the surface energy of the film and its affinity to adhesives prior to lamination and further comprising a facing sheet of paper cold laminated to the treated outer surface of the plastic film.

18. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 17, wherein the facing paper sheet is coated paper.

19. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 17, wherein an outer surface of the other plastic film is surface treated to increase the surface energy of the film and its affinity to adhesives prior to lamination and further comprising a facing sheet of paper cold laminated to the treated outer surface of the other plastic film.

20. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 19, wherein the facing paper sheet that is cold laminated to the treated outer surface of the other plastic film is coated paper.

21. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 12, wherein each film is biaxially oriented polyester or polypropylene and the paper sheet comprises Kraft paper or a white or colored paper.

22. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 21, wherein an outer surface of one of the plastic films is surface treated to increase the surface energy of the film and its affinity to adhesives prior to lamination and further comprising a facing sheet of paper cold laminated to the treated outer surface of the plastic film.

23. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 22, wherein the facing sheet of paper comprises Kraft paper, a white or colored paper, or a coated paper.

24. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 22, wherein an outer surface of the other plastic film is surface treated to increase the surface energy of the film and its affinity to adhesives prior to lamination and further comprising a facing sheet of paper cold laminated to the treated outer surface of the other plastic film.

25. (Previously presented) A laminate sheeting as set forth in claim 24, wherein the facing paper sheet that is cold laminated to the treated outer surface of the other plastic film comprises Kraft paper, a white or colored paper, or a coated paper.

26. (New) A flexible plastic-paper-plastic laminate sheeting capable of being converted by conventional equipment into envelopes, bags and other dilatable container products normally made of paper which initially are in a flat state, said laminate sheeting consisting essentially of:

- a printable paper sheet having inside and outside surfaces;

- a first reinforcing film of synthetic oriented plastic material having an inner surface treated to increase the surface energy of the film and its affinity to adhesives and being cold-laminated by a water-based adhesive to the inside surface of the paper sheet; and

- a second reinforcing film of synthetic oriented plastic material having an inner surface treated to increase the surface energy of the film and its affinity to adhesives and being cold-laminated by a water-based adhesive to the outside surface of the paper sheet.